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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DETAINEE DR CECILIA BOTTAI MONREAL

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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO GOC REPORTS, MS BOTTAI'S BREAST CONDITION INVOLVES NON-MALIGNANT TUMORS. SHE HAS MASTOPATHIC FIBROSIS; WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS A RATHER COMMON CYSTIC CONDITION OF BREAST TISSUE WHICH MAY BE TREATABLE WITH HORMONES OF SEVERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE DISCOMFORT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT A NOTE DATED AUGUST 31 RESPONDING TO OUR INFORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH OF MS BOTTAI. THE MINISTRY VIGOROUSLY ASSERTS THAT MS BOTTAI IS A "HEALTHY YOUNG LADY," DOES NOT HAVE CANCER, AND IS RECEIVING PERIODIC AND EFFECTIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MINOR GYNECOLOGICAL PROBLEM.

3. THE MINISTRY APPENDED A MEDICAL REPORT DATED AUGUST 11 (COPY POUCHED ARA/AND/CI). THE REPORT STATES THAT WHEN MS BOTTAI WAS FIRST SEEN BY A DOCTOR ON OCTOBER 24, 1975, SHE WAS FOUND TO HAVE ONLY ANNABNORMAL DEVIATION OF BOTH BIG TOES (HALLUX VALGUS BILATERAL). ON OCTOBER 27 A GYNECOLOGICAL EXAMINATION SHOWED NOTHING ABNORMAL. DURING DECEMBER, A DOCTOR VISITED HER THREE TIMES, TREATING HER INFECTED TONSILS (AMIGDALITIS PURULENTA) WITH PENICILLIN.

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ON FEBRUARY 6, 1976, A GYNECOLOGIST PRESCRIBED PRIMOLUT TO

CONTROL MASTOPATHIC FIBROSIS ("MASTOPATIA FIBROQUISTICA"). SINCE THEN SHE HAS BEEN SEEN BY DOCTORS 18 TIMES FOR THREE MEDICAL CONDITIONS: THE FIBROSTIC BREAST PROBLEM, IRREGULAR MENSTRUAL PERIODS AND REPEATED BRONCHITIS. IN SUM, THE REPORT STATES, MS BOTTAI HAS RECEIVED ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HER BREAST CONDITION AND HER ANEMIC SYNDROME IS UNDER STUDY.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT PERIODIC CYSTIC CONDITIONS OF BREAST TISSUE ARE NOT UNUSUAL AND THAT TREATMENT WITH A HORMONE SUCH AS PRIMOLUT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN CASES WHERE IT CAUSES DISCOMFORT AND MENSTRUAL PERIODS ARE IRREGULAR.

5. FROM OUR READING OF THE REPORT, WE ASSUME THAT THE GOC DOCTORS ARE PERSUADED THAT THE BREAST CONDITION IS NOT MALIGNANT AND HAVE, ACCORDINGLY, DECIDED NOT TO PERFORM A BIOPSY. THIS SUMMARY MEDICAL REPORT, WHILE HELPFUL, STILL LEAVES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS UNANSWERED, E.G. IS MS BOTTAI'S AMENIA DUE TO HEAVY BLEEDING; WHAT IS MEANT BY IRREGULAR CYCLES;

6. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HAVE A MEDICAL EXPERT GO OVER THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE WORTH USING THE INFORMAL CHANNEL AGAIN ON SOME SPECIFICS OF MS BOTTAI'S MEDICAL CONDITION. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (SANTIAGO 7490) THAT SHE DOES NOT SEEM ALARMED.  
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